Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please replace the title of the specification with the following title:

Process for Inactivating <u>Prions</u> <u>Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy</u> in Lipoproteins

On page 1, please replace lines 4-5 with the following amended paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/974,497, filed October 9, 2001, which claims priority to U.S.S.N. 60/289,637, filed on May 8, 2001, and 60/314,970, filed on August 8, 2001. The application claims priority to U.S.S.N. 60/289,637 filed on May 8, 2001, and 60/314,970 filed on August 24, 2001.

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